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First Councillor's Tour Diary.

First Councillor's Tour Diary,

January and February 1911.

19th January 1911

Left Bangalore at 7 a.m. by the passenger train and reached Arsikere at noon. Was met by the Deputy Commissioner Mr. Wetherall, the Amildar and others. Halted at the Travellers' Bunglow which is a first class one. It is, however, not properly furnished and this causes inconvenience to the travelling public. In the afternoon, inspected the town and the new extension, in company with the Deputy Commissioner. Saw the recently excavated drinking water wells. The big well in the heart of the town contains good potable water. The other well which is at the north-end of the town, on the road to Malekal Tirupathi, and which has cost about £7000 Rs, contains brackish water and is not used by the people. Visited the temple at Malekal Tirupathi. Saw the rice and ~~ice~~ oil mills which are working satisfactorily. Inspected the Taluk Cutcherry and the Dispensary. The Town had been evacuated on account of plague and the people were living in sheds. In the evening, conferred with the principal townspeople on the question of a satisfactory water supply to the town. The Amildar, Mr.Tirunarnienger, is new to his duties and will take some time before he will be able to cope with the work of a Taluk like Arsikere.

20th January 1911. Left Arsikere in the morning, accompanied by the Deputy Commissioner, and reached Chennarayapatna at about 10 a.m. In the after-noon, motored to Sravanabelagola. Visited the Jain Matt, saw the Swamy and made enquiries regarding the affairs of the Matt and the Sanskrit classes. Visited the temples and the image of Gomateswaraswamy on the top of the hill. Inspected the School and returned to Chennarayapatna in the evening. Presided at the distribution of prizes to the children of the A. V. School.

1st January 1911. Early in the morning, inspected the Taluk Cutchery, Lock-up, Police Station, the Excise Range office, and the Registration Office~~Incidentally~~, Incidentally, the question of unstamped documents and prosecutions for evasion of the Stamp Law was raised. Mr.Wetherall was not in favour of such prosecutions; He thought that the parties concerned were generally ignorant people and when called upon to show cause why they should not be prosecuted, gave good reasons to prove absence of fraudulent motive. It was, however, pointed out that a few judicious prosecutions in cases where the parties concerned belonged to the intelligent classes, were desirable in the interest of stamp revenue.

Left Chennarayapatna for Hassan.
En route inspected the Grama village which is a pretty big Union. Made enquiries about the administration of the Union. Although this was once the Head Quarters of a Taluk and then of a sub Taluk, and must have enjoyed the privilege of street lighting, yet the luxury has now been given up and the money is being spent on sanitary improvements. The chief source of water supply is a tank which is said to contain a sufficient quantity of water except in years of exceptionally light rain fall. Reached Hassan in the forenoon. After breakfast, attended to office work. In the evening, visited the Wesleyan Mission Orphanage and Hospital for Women and Children, which institutions are well managed and are doing good work.

22nd January. 1911.

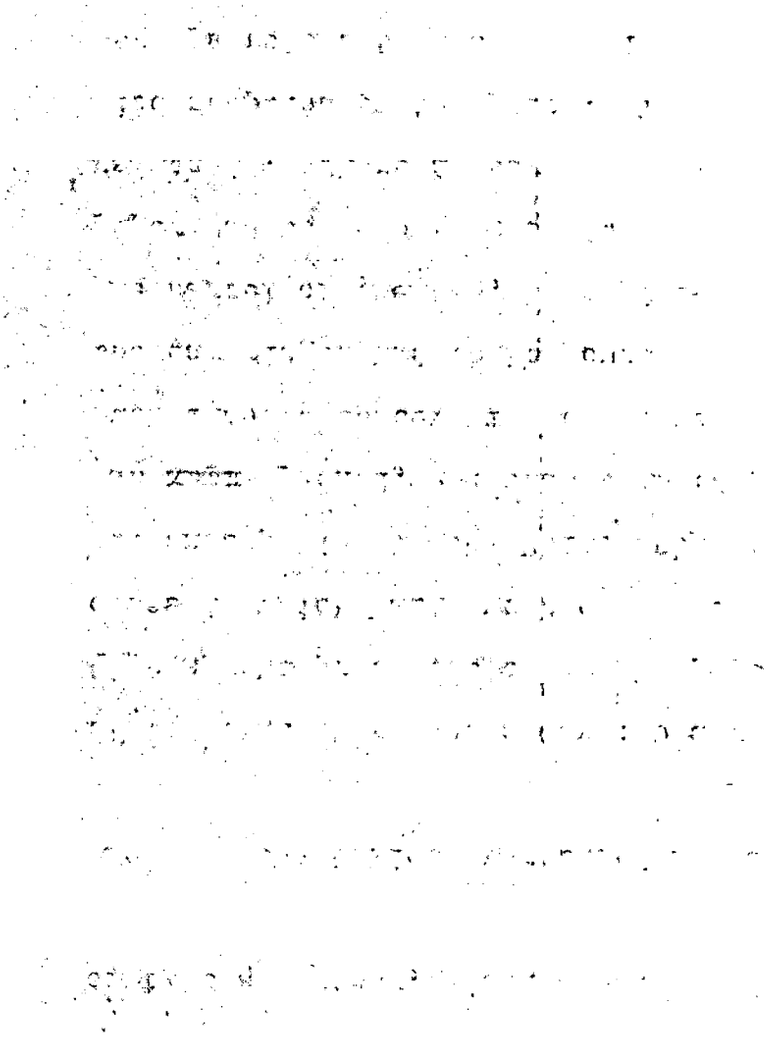
Left Hassan at 7-30 a.m. for Hole-Narsipur, accompanied by the Deputy Commissioner. Visited the Sri Ramadevaru Dam and was shown round by the Executive Engineer, Mr.Aiyasamy Iyer. Proceeded thence to Hole-Narsipur. Inspected the Industrial School, where Weaving & Carpentry are taught on improved lines under the excellent management of Mr. Sampathiengar. Inspected the Taluk Cutchery and the Sub Registrar's Office The Lock-up seemed to need certain repairs.

The room where under-trials are kept was not secure enough and people from out side could easily communicate with those confined within. This defect was pointed out and ordered to be remedied Inspected the Munsiff's Court and the Excise Range Office. Went through the fort. Saw the Sri Vyasarayaswamy Matt. Was much pleased to find that a Sanskrit school had been started by the Vaisyas of the place for the benefit of the children of their community. I saw, however, that Brahmin and other boys also attended the school. The Vaisyas also maintain a Chattram. Returned to Hassan in the afternoon and attended to office work .

23rd January 1911. 7 a.m. Started out on inspection of the Hassan Town, in company with the Deputy Commissioner, the Municipal Vice President Mr.Narsinga Rao Purnaiya, the District Medical and Sanitary Officer Mr. Asirvatham, and some Municipal Commissioners. The question of preventing the commission of nuisances in the trench in front of the District Police Office was discussed. Saw the place chosen for holding the cattle show. It is conveniently situated. No fee is charged either on the cattle competing for prizes or on those brought for sale. The cost of the show is met by private subscriptions and a grant-in

aid from the District Funds. The only source of income is a tax on shops at one rupee per shop and the sale of the manure collected at the time. Inspected the District Lock-up which is in charge of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer. It was reported that much difficulty was felt in finding another officer to take charge of the Lock-up whenever the D.M.& S.O. went on circuit. The Treasury Assistant Commissioner could not take up the work as he had already enough to do. As Vice President he had to be out in the mornings and then he had to be at the Treasury exactly at 11 o'clock. There was also the sentimental objection that as a Magistrate he would be called upon to commit prisoners to his own custody as Lock-up officer. There were no other Gazetted officers to take up the work. It was therefore thought that the posting of a second Gazetted Medical Officer at Hassan was necessary both in the interests of Lock-up work and the District Hospital. There is an excellent well in the compound containing plenty of good water. It is provided with a door which is kept locked when the well is not in use. This is intended to prevent suicides or mishaps by drowning. The accommodation for Under-Trial and female prisoners was reported to be insufficient. There was a large number of

Under-trials, most of them being concerned in the notorious sandal wood theft case. The prisoners all looked healthy. One building in the premises containing 3 spacious rooms, is used for the Excise Range office. The floor is badly damaged and needs early repairs. Another building is taken up by the Head-quarter Police Inspector for his office and the District Police School, on the continuance of which latter, Mr.Wetherall is very keen. In his opinion, the ordinary police constable can be better trained in the District School and sending him all the way to Bangalore is a mere waste of time and money, his knowledge and capacity being of a very low order. Examined the Police stores and found them neatly kept. The District Supdt: stated that there was a Govt: Order requiring the preservation of the paper cases in which ball and buckshot ammunition supplied to the Police Deptt: was packed, and that this caused much inconvenience. The contents of the cartridges had to be poured down the barrel of the gun, then pieces of paper had to be put in and the whole rammed in. There appears to be some misconception on the point. The order perhaps refers to the metallic cartridges supplied to the Military Deptt: and not to the paper ones supplied to the Police Deptt. The latter required no such ing into.



The District Reserve men looked smart and did fairly well in their drill. Near the Musafirkhana the local weavers presented a petition complaining that the piece goods locally manufactured by them were being subjected to octroi in the Hassan town. The attention of the President was drawn to this subject and he was requested to make a report ~~in the~~ in the matter, as only goods imported into a Municipality were usually subject to octroi. The petitioners were informed that their complaint would receive due consideration. Saw the musafirkhana recently built by the Revenue Authorities at a cost of about Rs.5,000. It is a fine building, well kept. It is conveniently situated to be useful to the relations of in-patients undergoing treatment in the District Hospital. Visited the District Hospital and found every thing kept neat and tidy. The Medical officer in charge, Mr.Asirvatham, is very enthusiastic and popular. But there was only one Hospital Assistant to help him and work was reported to suffer during the absence of the District Medical officer from town. Cataract cases are admitted and I saw three under treatment, which were progressing. The wards were full. For want of space, 4 patients were accommodated in an out-house with mud flooring. The construction of an operation room

on the modern style seems to be ~~a~~ necessary. Saw the wards for infectious diseases and found that the ~~patients~~ patients were improving. Inspected the Veterinary Dispensary. 478 cases were treated last year. The institution is said to be appreciated and availed of by the public. Visited the Sub-Registrar's office. About 1,000 documents registered in a year. There were 32 papers ready for delivery to the parties. Inspected the Taluk Cutchery. The Taluk Treasury seemed to require more accommodation. Out of 87 Criminal cases on the file of the Amildar Magistrate, admitted since August 1910, 22 were pending. The records were found properly arranged and the official in charge was able to easily pick out the paper he was required to take. Unlicensed and confiscated guns are said to be advertised and sold to license holders for an upset price, instead of being auctioned. Inspected the Kasba Police Station. The Village Roster had not been written up-to-date. The usual explanation was given, namely, that the men were drafted for census work. Visited the students' home and reading room. The building needed colorwashing. Many of the rooms were unoccupied or occupied by officials. The local High School does not seem to have yet recovered ~~it~~ the popularity which it had lost after the departure of Mr. Cress. Inspected the Female Dispensary.

This is in charge of a male Hospital Assistant. The midwife is very old but she is said to be popular. The average daily attendance is 55. ~~Unless better arrangements are made~~, Better arrangements seem necessary if this Dispensary is to attract more patients, especially as there is a well equipped Mission Hospital to compete with it. Visited the Vanivilas Girls' School, saw the children at work. The attendance was good, ~~100~~ 106 girls being present out of 117 on the roll. The building looked more like a theatre than a school. The teachers were nearly all males. Inspected the Executive Engineer's office. In the afternoon attended to office work. In the evening inspected the Munsiff's Court and the District Offices including the District ~~Forest and~~ Excise Offices. There was a complaint that the District Excise officer, Mr.Narainswamy Moodaliar never attended the office. This was found to be not untrue. The plea of want of accommodation put forward by that officer cannot be accepted as satisfactory. The Deputy Commissioner has promised to set matters right.

24th January 1911. Left Hassan for Belur which ~~was~~ reached in the forenoon. Met the Sub Division Officer, Mr.S.P.Rajagopal achary. Inspected the Taluk Offices and found every thing, including the arrange-
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of records, satisfactory. Inspected the Dispensary which is maintained in a good condition. The instruments were kept clean. The Hospital Assistant said he was doing his best to popularize quinine in those parts. Inspected the Excise Range Office and Depot which are located in a hut outside the town. The arrangement was temporary, the town having been evacuated on account of plague. A few people belonging to the drinking classes, when questioned, said that the stuff now offered for sale being of lower strength, they were obliged to drink it in greater quantity than before. This will have to be verified by actual reference to sale statistics. Visited the Belur temple. The temple servants complained bitterly of the very low pay ~~offered to~~ they were getting. The Sub Division Officer was asked to send up their case for orders to Government, with his own opinion or recommendation. Sanskrit classes are held here in connection with the temple and candidates are sent up for the Mysore Vidwat Examinations. Left Belur at 5 p.m.Mr. Wetherall accompanied me as far as the frontier of his District where I took leave of him and was met by Mr. K.R.Sreenivasiengar, Deputy Commissioner of Kadur. Reached Chickmagalur in the evening.

The only District Officer whom I did

not see in Hassan was Mr.Inamathi Shama Rao, Assistant Comservator of Forests. The Deputy Commissioner had sent him timely intimation of my arrival but he apparently took no notice of it and was not present in Hassan or any other place in the District which I visited. I was informed that he was touring in places not far from my camps. I was not able to inspect the Sandal Koti as he had taken the keys with him, or to learn any thing about ~~the District~~ the Forest Administration of the District.

25th January 1911. 7-30 a.m. Started out on town inspection, accompanied by the local officers. Inspected the 'Sanderson Memorial Ward' for Europeans. Contains 3 rooms, well furnished. Is cleaned only when cases come for admission, as was evident from the dust that had accumulated on the beds and furniture. Inspected the District Hospital. There were 14 patients in the male wards and 4 in the female ward. Four of the ~~14~~ patients were seen laid on the floor. It was explained that the helpless condition they were in, made it risky and troublesome to put them on cots. The stores were not well arranged on account of want of space. The dressing room was not in a satisfactory condition. The District Medical Officer, Mr. David, represented that he required a new dressing and a new operation room. There ~~are one~~ is a Sub Assistant Surgeon and

a ~~one~~ Hospital Assistant attached to the Hospital which seemed to be doing good work. But my impression on the whole was that Mr. David had yet to prove his efficiency for the charge of this District. The Students' Home is located in an old dirty and ill-ventilated building. A new building is urgently needed. This was brought to the notice of the Executive Engineer. Visited the High School and saw the Science and Sloyd classes at work. The students seemed to take a keen interest in practical work. Visited the Mission Girls' School and found that even here there was only one female teacher, the rest being all males. Inspected also, the Executive Engineers office, the Munsiff's Court, the Female Dispensary, the Government Girls' school and the Musafirkhana. One of the rooms in the last named building is occupied by the Agricultural Association. The Taluk Cutchery was then visited. The arrangement of the records did not seem quite satisfactory. The Excise Range Office was in charge of an Assistant Inspector. Of the Rs.6,000 outstanding, about Rs.4,000 related to old and irrecoverable arrears and remission statements were being prepared. Inspected the ~~Kasba~~ Police Station. From the Village Roster it was evident that some of the villages had not been visited for nearly 6 months. The Jamedar did not seem to know the Patels and other village servants ~~in~~

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of some of the villages in his jurisdiction. Inspected the Registration Office. It was represented that the staff was inadequate and that there was work enough to raise the office to a First class one. I saw one document extending to about 200 pages. Visited the Octroi Office. In the afternoon attended to office work. In the evening Inspected the District Offices, including the District Excise, Forest and Police Offices and the Hindustani Boys' and Girls' Schools.

26th January. 1911.

In the morning, inspected the Sandal Koti, the District Lock-up and the Veterinary Hospital. Visited the water-supply reservoir and the Nirvanaswamy Matt and returned ~~returned~~ to Chickmagalur for breakfast. In the afternoon, a conference was held at the request of Mr. C. Sreenivasa Rao, District Board and R.A. Member. The Deputy Commissioner, the District Forest Officer and the District Excise Officer were also present. The following subjects were discussed:-

(1) Railway Extension. It was represented that, on account of the importance of Chickmagalur as the medium of communication with the West Coast and the large area that would be opened up for coffee and fruit cultivation, the Kadur-Chickmagalur line ought to receive preference over the Arsikere-Hassan line

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(2) It was represented that the recent G. O. granting certain concessions to owners or occupiers of lands for the preservation of sandal trees standing on their lands, worked as a hardship in the malnads, where raiyats usually took up lands on darkhast only for short periods of 3 or 4 years. Under the G. O. the up set price for the land would be so fixed as to include the value of the sandal trees. This was said to cause loss to the purchaser. The Deputy Commissioner admitted the existence of the hardship and that about 60 applications had to be rejected on account of the rule. One way out of the difficulty was, it was suggested, that where the applicant was willing to resign his right to the future bonus, or where the plants were so tender that they were not likely to bring in any bonus for a very long time to come, the value of the sandal plants could be left out in fixing the upset price of the land. One thing seems certain, that the new rule makes it rather difficult for the raiyats to get on darkhast for cultivation, lands on which sandal trees are growing. The Deputy Commissioner has promised to consider the matter further and make a reference to Government.

(3) The sale by private negotiation of the surplus stock of sandalwood

after the public auctions were held, and at prices lower than those secured at the auctions, was objected to. Mr.Srinivasa Rao was informed that such private sales could not altogether be avoided, that tenders would be invited by advertizements, that the matter having already come up before Govt: suitable orders had been passed.

(4) The present practice of appointing contractors to cut and cart timber from State Forests was reported to cause loss to Govt: and inconvenience to the public who had to submit to whatever rates the contractors charged. Two or three concrete cases were also cited where the Forest authorities were alleged to have shown undue partiality in the disposal of these timber contracts. It was urged that, on the whole, the removal of timber by Government agency was better. Mr.Srinivasa Rao was informed that it was not possible to do away with the contract system altogether, but that enquiries would be made regarding the particular cases brought to notice.

(5) Another rather curious statement was made was, that the Forest Department was actually denuding the forests in the name of exploitation; that the system of working plans was all good on paper, but in practice extensive denudation was going on. This was, of course, contradicted by the District Forest Officer.

(6) Improvement of the water supply and the drainage. It was stated that this question required urgent attention. The member was informed that the necessary plans and estimates were awaited from the Executive Engineer. Mr. Sreenivasa Rao said that the Municipality was too poor to undertake any costly schemes. It would be prepared to pay either the existing debt due to Government or the cost of the new scheme for drainage and watersupply, but not both. He was told that the proposals of the Municipality when submitted to Government would receive due consideration.

(7) It was represented that the maintenance of the Chickmagalur-Yedehalli and the Chickmagalur-Bababuden roads threw a heavy and unnecessary burden on the District Board, which was very poor. There is some truth in the representation that the latter road is useful only to tourists and Government officials and is not much used by the general public. When the government would discontinue the present grant-in-aid of Rs.2500, it would ~~be a great~~ throw a great strain on the District Funds. The matter requires some consideration.

(8) Substitution of triennial leases for the present annual auction sales of toddy shops. This was withdrawn when the member was informed

the matter was already before Government on a reference from the Excise Commissioner.

27th January 1911. Left Chickmagalur at 7 a.m., for the Baba-Buden Darga, which was reached at noon, ~~12-30~~. Visited the Manikdhara falls and the caves containing the Sri Dattatraya Peetha. The floor was damp and covered with loose stones. When asked, the Sajjada said that there were strong sentimental objections to any repairs or alterations in the interior of the caves. Had a talk with the Sajjada about the management of the Darga; he said that the present grant given by the Government was too small and insufficient for the proper conduct of feeding and (for other expenditure) connected with the maintenance of the institution.

28th January 1911. Left Baba-Buden Darga early in the morning and proceeded, via Virupakshikan, partly by riding and partly by driving, to Kalhattigiri, which was reached at about 2 p.m. Attended to Office work. On the way to Kalhatti, I inspected Mr. Sreenivasa Rao's coffee estate and the Bisagna Katt.

29th January 1911. Morning. Visited the Kalhatti water falls and discussed with the Deputy Commissioner, ~~on~~ the question of utilizing this water for filling the

irrigation ~~takns~~ tanks and supplying drinking water to Tarikere Town. Left for Santaveri at 3 p.m. Visited Mr.Denn's Ciffee estate and works. Proceeded to Tarikere which was reached in the evening.

30th January 1911. Morning. Started out on inspection of the town. The people were just returning to their houses which had been evacuated for plague. Visited the Ayurvedic Dispensary which was doing satisfactory work. Inspected the Local Fund Dispensary. Average daily attendance, 30. I found that there was no need for constructing a new building and that certain repairs to the existing building (to the floor in particular) would ~~ren-der it~~ make it look quite decent and render it sufficient for all practical purposes. Saw the A. V. school. A part of the roof had fallen in and the floor needed urgent repairs. One or two rooms also required more light and ventilation. I found, on the whole, that the buildings under the Education Department did not receive proper attention in the matter of timely repairs. Gr~~ea~~t About 30 per cent. of the children ~~have~~ had enlarged spleens. This is very bad. The Hospital Assistant was asked to look to this. Inspected the Mission Girls' school and the Sandal koti and left for Shimoga. At the frontier I met ~~the~~

Mr. N. Rama Rao, Sub Division Officer, and Mr. B. Ramaswamiah, Police Superintendent, Shimoga District. Reached Shimoga in the forenoon and was met by the Deputy Commissioner, Mr.K.Srinivasa Rao and the principal District Officers and Municipal Commissioners of Shimoga. In the afternoon, attended to office work. In the evening, visited the new Town Hall and Reading room built in memory of His Highness the late Maharaja.

31st January. Morning. Inspected the Durgigudi extension in company with the Municipal President, the Vice President, the Executive Engineer, the Assistant Engineer, Sanitary Department, the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, and a few Municipal Councillors. A great deal of money has been spent by the Sanitary Engineering Department in laying out roads and marking the house sites. The President anticipated certain difficulties in connection with the drainage and wanted the Sanitary Engineer to fix the ground level of the dwellings to fit in with the general drainage scheme. The Assistant Engineer Mr.Puttasamiah was requested to expedite the work. The President was given certain general instructions regarding the disposal of sites and the steps to be taken to ensure speedy construction of houses. Inspected the water works, which are a great blessing to the town.

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People complain of the insufficiency of the number of taps provided. I n the afternoon, attended to office work. In the evening, inspected the Deputy Commissioner's office and District Treasury. The records did not seem to have been completely arranged. The record keeper had been only recently transferred to the place from Bangalore. Indexing has not been completed. The clerk failed to pick up a required paper. I was glad to observe that both here and in the Kadur District Arms licenses are despatched direct to the parties concerned and not through the medium of the Police, to whom, however, separate intimation is given. Mr. Humza Hussain took me round the District and Sessions Court and record room. Met the members of the Shimoga Bar Association in the Court room. The Association consists of 7 Advocates, 2 First Grade and 15 Second Grade Pleaders. The general opinion among them was that the legal profession was becoming less remunerative. They favour the idea of having only two classes of practitioners, namely, Advocates and Pleaders. Inspected the District Excise Office. Mr. Bhima Rao complained of insufficiency of hands, but was not able to make out a good case. There were no arrears in the Excise Revenue. The records were fairly well arranged. The Excise Department does not seem to be in good hands

in this District. Visited the Sub-Judge's Court which is located in a dark and ill-ventilated private building, for which a rent of Rs.30 per month is said to be paid. There is a proposal of making certain additions to the District Offic e Buildings. The sooner this is carried out the better. Inspected the District Forest Office. The staff was fairly good. The Deputy Conservator, Mr M. G. Rama Rao, who is new to the District was asked to pay special attention to the needs of the Malnad raiyats. Inspected the District Police Office and some of the entries in the general crime register. The special diaries relating to the currency-note theft case were read out to me.

1st February 1911. Morning. Motored to the District Lock-up and found the management satisfactory. Inspected the spot on the river bank where the currency note was said to have been discovered. Inspected also the Veterinary Hospital, the Taluk Cutchery, the District Hospital, the maternity, the Manganese Company's Yard and the Korpal Chattram. Visited the timber yard and saw the Tractor and waggons at work, loading and unloading timber. In the afternoon, attended to office work and interviewed the Municipal Councillors and others. In the evening, witnessed the Police Parade and, at the

request of the Deputy Commissioner and the District Superintendent, distributed the good service rewards to the several Police Officers and men in the presence of a large assembly.

2nd February 1911. 6 a.m. Left Shimoga in the Manganese Company's tram, to see their mines near Choradi (Kumsi). I was greatly struck with the enterprise of this Company which had constructed a solid Rail way line of many miles in length and was working it with good locomotives and wagons as perfectly as any well organized Railway. I hope the tram line will be made use of for the conveyance of Forest produce. The manganese mines are promising but the present rates in Europe do not leave a fair margin of profit. Proceeded to Ananthapur where I was met by the Sub Division Officer Mr. M. Sreenivasa Murthi. The Local Fund Dispensary is said to meet a real want. It was however closed, as the Hospital Assistant was on 5 days' casual leave. He is reported to be good and popular. Paid a visit to the Ananthapur Murughi Matt. Left for Sagar, which was reached in the evening.

3rd February 1911. Morning. Visited the A.V.School. The building needs urgent repairs. As it is, the children are exposed to inclemency of weather during the monsoon. The attendance was fair and the boys recited English and

Kanarese verses tolerably well. Visited Kanley Devappa's Chattram, which is a fine building, well kept. Inspected the Sandal Koti. One of the rooms was found to require more light. The Assistant Engineer was requested to devise some means of admitting more light into the room without impairing the security. The Industrial school was next visited. It has been working for the last two years. There were 13 students. The course is said to extend over five years. Want of accommodation is sure to be felt when the present boys are promoted to higher classes and new admissions are made in the lower ones. Carpentry and smithy are taught. Articles of furniture are manufactured, chiefly for the Education Department. But the removal of the articles not being very prompt, they are stored in the small space available, and in the A.V.school building. It was reported that the things are removed only when cheap comveyances are available. I was sorry to hear that a Vaisya gentleman who had promised a contribution of Rs.1,000 for this institution has now been reduced to poverty and that the school is maintained by the Government grant-in-aid only. Saw the Police Station. The Inspector in charge of this Taluk appears too old to be able to work in a malnad Taluk. Visited the Local Fund Dispensary. Average daily attendance, about 65.

Midwife popular; but conducted only 30 labour cases for the whole of last year. Malaria and syphilis are said to be the general complaints. The latter malady is believed to be communicated through the barber. The floor needs repairs. One room which was kept locked was, when opened, found to contain a heap of straw and other rubbish. The Hospital Assistant was asked to see that every part of the building was kept scrupulously clean. Visited the Munsiff's Court which is a fine building. The Munsiff exercises the powers of a Second Class Magistrate. The number of criminal cases on the file last year was 70 and the number of civil cases 700 which were mostly contested ones. The small building meant for a Police Out Post in ~~the~~ Chamarajapet was not being used for the purpose. It was pointed that the inhabitants of the extension needed Police protection and that a constable or two should be deputed to that out-post. Inspected the Taluk Cutchery where every thing was found in a fairly satisfactory condition. Visited the Girls' School. In the evening, inspected the Revenue Sub Division Assistant Commissioner's Office. About 171 references remained unanswered. About 25 Criminal cases were pending, one of them, since April 1909. It was pointed out that adjournment of Criminal cases was not very

desirable, as the witnesses could not be expected to depose to facts with any accuracy after the lapse of a long time The Sub Division officer promised to improve. Visited the ruins of Ikkeri and the temple which contains Sivappa Naik's Daya or measurements for planting araccanut trees.

4th February 1911. Left Sagar and arrived at Sorab in the forenoon. Inspected the A.V.School and was much pleased with the way in which the boys did their recitations. Saw the Musafirkhana which was found to be well kept. Inspected the Local Fund Dispensary. The floor seemed to need repairs. Daily attendance, about 30. 30 cases conducted by the midwife. Saw the Panchama School which contains 17 boys, some being Mehommedans. Was much pleased to hear the boys read in such clear accents as would do credit to children of higher castes. Saw the Wesleyan Mission Girls' School, where the girls went through their recitations fairly well. Inspected the Excise Range Office which was kept neat and tidy. Records arranged properly. Inspected the Taluk Cutchery.Officials though not possessing educational qualifications were still efficient in their work. The khists were coming in. The arrangement of records was very satisfactory. In the afternoon, there was a deputation from the local Gudigars who

complained that they had received no payment for the articles manufactured and sent by them to the Delhi Exhibition and for certain repairs and works executed by them for certain public departments. The Deputy Commissioner was requested to take early steps to have their claims enquired into and satisfied. Several raiyats complained of the disrepair into which malnad tanks had fallen owing to continued neglect, and prayed for their restoration. It was pointed out that the Revenue and Public Works Departments ought to pay timely attention to these matters. The petitioners were given suitable replies. 5 p.m. Left for Shiralkoppa.

5th February 1911. Morning. Left for Belagavi in company with the Deputy Commissioner and other District Officers and the Taluk Amildar. Inspected the Union and visited the old temples for which this place is famous. Returned to Shiralkoppa by 9 a.m. Inspected the L. F. Dispensary which is located in a portion of the Musafirkhana. Floor needed repairs. A site was selected for constructing a new dispensary building and the President of the District Board was requested to take the necessary steps. Inspected the Forest timber yard. Visited the A.V.School and was much pleased with the way it was managed and conducted.

Particular attention was devoted to gardening and nature study. Inspected the Police Statioh. The Jamedar was asked to read out his Special Diary in a case of theft. Observed that many unnecessary details were entered therein. It is these details that spoil many a Police case before the Sessions. ~~When~~ The Police Officers when examined ~~by~~ in the Court sometimes make statements inconsistent with what they might have entered in their diaries, thereby weakening the prosecution. In the afternoon, attended to office work. Later on, a number of petitions were presented in person. Some of them related to the grant of enhanced privileges in respect of removing timber from ~~State~~ District Forests, for agricultural and other purposes, and others related to the construction of or improvements to irrigation works. The petitioners were all heard and given suitable replies. Left Shiralkoppa in the afternoon and arrived at Shikarpur. Inspected the Taluk Cutchery. Records were found properly arranged. Inspected the Police Station and Lockup. Walked through the Town and returned to the traveller's bunglow.

6th February. Early in the morning, after inspecting the Local Fund Dispensary and the Sanskrit School, started by the local Lingayats, left for Honnali which was reached in the forenoon. Inspected the

Local Fund Dispensary. Found that every thing was kept clean. The town was badly infected with plague and the people were living in sheds. The Taluk Office had been removed to a temporary building near the Travellers' bunglow and the Treasury to the Musafirkhana. The construction of a new Taluk Cutchery is a matter of urgent necessity. I saw the site selected for it by the Dewan. In the afternoon, met several leading merchants and raiyats of Hyamthi Union and discussed municipal matters with them. They requested that the Kannada School should be raised to the A.V.standard. In the evening, I was much pleased to join in a gathering at which the Installation day of His Highness was celebrated in a [redacted] loyal and sincere, though humble and unostentatious, way.

7th February 1911.

Morning. After inspecting the construction of the new bridge across the Tungabhadra, which work was in progress, left for Harihar. At the frontier I took leave of the Officers of the Shimoga District and proceeded, with the Senior Assistant Commissioner, Davangere Sub Division (Mr.Narainiengar) to Harihar. En route, walked through the Malebennur Union. Inspected the L. F. Dispensary. Found the instruments and medicines kept in good order. Average daily attendance 32. The midwife was new to the place and had yet to win the confidence of the people.

Met the P. W. Overseer and told him that the road near the boundary was in a very bad condition and needed repairs. The A.V.School was reported to be closed for two months on account of plague. The Mahommedan population is praying for a building for the Hindustani School. Their request deserves consideration. Inspected the Police Out-Post and was surprised to find that the Jamedar exhibited complete ignorance of the beat and other arrangements existing on the other side of the frontier. It was pointed out that it was most desirable that the Police men in charge on either side should meet at times and exchange information.

Reached Harihar at noon and was met by the principal District Officers and Municipal Commissioners. After breakfast, attended to office work. Visited the water works and jewel filters, the A.V.School where the boys were at work and the Dispensary which was well kept. Also inspected the Police Station. There are 1 duffedar and 16 constables attached to this station. This number, apparently large, is considered necessary on account of the importance of Harihar as a frontier station. Inspected the office of the Deputy Amildar, who is also ex-officio Sub Registrar. During the recent plague epidemic, the people ~~time~~ resorted to inoculation in time and thereby many lives were

saved. Inspected the town, visited the Harihareswara Swamy temple, and left for Davangere which was reached in the evening.

8th February. Visited the Sub Registrat's Office which is located in the Musafirkhana. Number of documents registered in a year was about 800 and consisted chiefly of sale and mortgage deeds. Davangere is sadly in need of buildings for the several public offices and institutions and the Sub Registrar's office is one of them. Several temporary sheds were put up by the people and these showed a tendency to becoming permanent dwellings. The Municipal authorities were warned against allowing encroachments and the creation of vested rights. Inspected the Sub Division Office. The staff consisted of qualified hands. about 80 references were pending and the Sub Division Officer was advised to maintain a register of unanswered references. Mr. Narainengar has been recently invested with the power of calling for records of subordinate Courts. The power has not been exercised as yet. Inspected the Police Station and Lock-up. The building badly needs light and ventilation. The Police force consists of one Jamedar, one Duffedar and 25 constables which is said to be quite necessary, considering the size and commercial activity of the place. Visited three

Cotton Ginning Factories and was shown round by the respective proprietors. There is a great future for cotton industry at Davangere which is a mart for the cotton grown in this District. The cultivation of cotton is extending and the merchants of Davangere are not slow to take advantage, to push their business. Inspected the Local Fund Dispensary. The Sub Assistant Surgeon, Mr. Rajagopala Mudaliar, who has just joined, is enthusiastic in his work. Average daily attendance was about 72. The midwife was reported to have conducted 120 labour cases during last year. This is not much for a town like Davangere, and shows that the old fashioned midwife still commands the confidence of the people. After breakfast, attended to office work. In the evening, visited the A,V.School, where I presided at the prize distribution. And at the Town Hall, which I had the honour of opening when I had visited the town in 1906, I met and conversed with the principal townspeople on municipal matters

9th February 1911. Morning. Left Davangere for Chitaldrug. At Barmasagar, the residents made a request that a Dispensary may be located there, in place of the Vaidyasala already sanctioned. This was a strange request. Reached Chitaldrug at noon and was met by the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Chandy, and the other District Officers

and Municipal Commissioners. In the afternoon, attended to office work. Also received a petition, presented by the raiyats of Guntanur Hobli, holding lands under the Bhimasamudra Tank. They ~~complained~~ requested that, as their lands did not receive sufficient supply of water from the tank, either dry assessment should be levied from them or they should be exempted from contributing for the maintenance of the tank. They were informed that the matter would be considered. There was a deputation from the villages of Bahadurghatta and Kongundi which have been formed into a union. The petitioners complained that they were too poor to pay the Union taxes and that the union may be abolished. They were informed that their request could not be granted. In the evening, went through the town and inspected the reservoir below Jhimmanaikankere from which the town gets its supply of drinking water.

10th February 1911. Early in the morning, started on town inspection, in company with the Municipal President, Vice President and others. Visited the Santhe honda and discussed the question of its improvement. Inspected the trench near Burjan hatti. Inspected the Pataleswara temple and premises in connection with the dispute about the well. There ~~was~~ was strong feeling on this matter and the Municipal

authorities could well have left things alone for the parties to get their respective rights determined by a proper Court of law. As, however, the enclosure complained of is an improvement and is already an accomplished fact and as there is free access to the well at least on one side, there is no reason to disturb the order passed by the late Municipal President. Saw the Musafirkhana and advised that travellers should not be allowed to spoil the building by cooking on the front verandah. Inspected the Police Station. Visited the caste girls' school and was well pleased with the progress shown by the girls. The Head Mistress takes a keen interest in her work. The need is much felt of an English knowing hand with Upper Secondary qualifications. This deserves early attention of the Education Department. The children were cramped for space. A new building was under construction, to afford additional accommodation. There is also a demand for more scholarships to widow students. The school is, on the whole, well conducted and deservedly popular. In a portion of the old Tippu's building there is an industrial school, maintained by private persons. The Deputy Inspector takes much interest in its working. The promoters pray for some grant from Government. Tape making and reeling are taught here. Inspected the

Veterinary Dispensary. The Assistant Inspector seemed to take a lively interest in his work. He was using country drugs freely in his treatment. The institution seemed to be popular. Inspected the Taluk Cutchery which is located in a fine private building. In the afternoon, attended to office work. Inspected the Deputy Commissioner office, the District Police, Excise and Forest offices. Also visited the A.V. school, the High school, the Munsiff's Court, the Ankle Matt and caves and the site of the ancient Chandravalli village where some archaeological remains were recently found.

11th February 1911. Morning. Visited the Jogimatti Hill and the Trigonometrical station. Saw the reserved forest area on the way. It is principally stocked with fuel trees and in this maidan District fuel is a valuable article. There is plenty of grazing available. In the afternoon, attended to office work. Inspected the District Hospital and the Lock-up. The female dispensary which was found kept neat and tidy, is in charge of a lady Hospital Assistant who appeared to be intelligent and to take an interest in her work. For want of suitable quarters she has been allowed to occupy one of the wards. In the evening, met the principal officers and citizens at the town hall and discussed with them certain

municipal matters.

12th February 1911. 7 a.m. Left Chitaldrug for Challakere. Inspected the Girls' school. It being a Sunday, the boys' school was closed. Inspected the Dispensary. The work turned out by the midwife seemed poor. Inspected the Taluk Cutchery. The arrangement of records did not seem to be properly understood by the clerk in charge. It was stated that indexing had yet to be done. Inspected the Police station, lock-up and the Registration office. I found that the roads and drains were very well kept and that the general condition of the town was more satisfactory than that of any other mofussil town I visited in this tour. The Amildar Mr.Ramachandra Rao, deserves credit for this state of things.

13th February 1911. 7 a.m. Inspected the working of Kapile wells which are the chief means of irrigation in this Taluk. Left for Hangal. On the way, the inhabitants of Yalak presented a petition praying that their lands which had no adequate water supply should be charged with dry and not wet rates. They were informed that their petition would be considered in the Revenue Department. Walked through the Union of Bommagondenkere and inspected the Police out-post there. Reached Hangal at noon where I met the Amildar and the principal merchants of Molkalmuru. At 3 p.m. left for Rayadyrga with

Mr.Chandy. We were kindly allowed by the Deputy Collector to visit some of the public institutions and see their working. We inspected the Tahasildar's Cutcherry, Treasury, Police Station, and the handsome stone chatram built for the use of travellers. Visited the Railway station and made some enquiries regarding the volume of traffic etc., and returned to Molkalmuru. Inspected the Industrial School which seemed to be well conducted. Also inspected the Police Station and Taluk Cutcherry and returned to Hangal for the night.

14th February. In the morning, left for the Jettangi Rameswara Hill. Saw Asoka's inscriptions on the top of the Hill. The tablet has a roof erected over it and is well protected from the elements. Heard of a long standing dispute between the Brahmins and Lingayets regarding the right to conduct the worship in the temples. The inhabitants of Devasamudra village presented a petition praying that a road may be constructed from the Bellary high road to the foot of the Rameswara Hill and that certain irrigation facilities may be given to them. They were informed that their petition would receive consideration. Devasamudra forms the most distant out-post

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in the Chitaldrug District. In the afternoon, had a long talk with the Amildar of Molkalmuru regarding the dispute between the Hindus and Mohammadans of the place in the matter of allowing Hindu processions to pass with music in front of the Masjid. The Police Inspector has been transferred from the place in connection with this dispute. Left for Chellakere which was reached at 7 A.M., and where a halt was made for the night.

15th February. Left for Hiriyur which was reached at 10 A.M. Inspected the Taluk Cutcherry, the A.V. School and the Musafirkhana. Visited the Local Fund Dispensary and found that it had not got a sufficient supply of medicines - not even that most important drug, quinine. Wired to the Senior Surgeon to arrange for its early supply. Discussed with the Deputy Commissioner and the Amildar about the town improvement scheme. I was glad to learn that the general health of the town was not so bad as in previous years. This is perhaps due to the use of Marikarevu water for drinking purposes.

16th February. Left for Marikanave in the morning. There, studied the problems connected with the utilization of the water of this reservoir and the

the cultivation of the lands below the channels. Inspected the dam and the village. After breakfast, sailed across the lake to Tajavara, whence I proceeded to Hosadurga. Inspected the Taluk Cutchberry, ~~and~~ the Boys' and Girls' schools and the Dispensary. The town has become exceedingly unhealthy owing to heavy rains and percolation from the hills. The supply of quinine had run short and I brought the same to the notice of the Senior Surgeon. Proceeded to the Hosadurga Road Railway Station where I took train to Bangalore which was reached the next morning.

The tour through the four Districts of Hassan, Kadur, Shimoga and Chitaldrug thus occupied me ~~for~~ nearly one month.

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